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General Asbestos Licensing Information

DAQ has two licensing programs – one associated with NESHAP (contractor certifications) and the other with ASHARA (individual accreditations).

Under 401 KAR 58:040 (accessible at <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/TITLE401.htm>), we certify companies to do abatement work subject to NESHAP. This program focuses on the company's supervisors, who are required to do 3 things to get their company certified initially:

1. Attend and pass an EPA-approved Abatement Supervisor course and annual refreshers;
2. Attend a half-day workshop put on monthly by DAQ in Frankfort to explain the asbestos regulations; &
3. Perform a "demonstration project" to show competency in setting up an abatement job.

DAQ inspects the "demonstration project" before any removal takes place, and if the setup demonstrates competence, DAQ writes an inspection report documenting the findings and recommending the issuance of the certificate to the company. The 8.5 x 11" certificate lists the supervisors who have satisfied the 3 requirements. Once a company is certified, it can add more supervisors to its certificate by putting them through the EPA-approved training and sending them to the half-day workshop. Included with this fax is an application for certification, an announcement regarding the workshop (orientation session), and a form to register for the workshop.

Under 401 KAR 58:005 (also accessible at the website given above), we accredit individuals in the 5 main AHERA disciplines to do asbestos-related work inside schools and public/commercial buildings, per ASHARA. To become accredited, a person passes the EPA-approved training and sends us a copy of the current (not expired) diploma along with a completed application form (blank form included with this fax) and the accreditation fee. We then issue a wallet-sized accreditation card to this person.

The main differences between NESHAP work (for which contractor certification is required) and ASHARA work (for which individual accreditation is required) are:

- NESHAP work involves *demolition- or renovation-related* removals of Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials in amounts of at least *160 square, 260 linear, or 35 cubic feet* over the course of one year's time.
- ASHARA work involves *renovation-related* response actions (removal, repair, encapsulation, or enclosure) of friable asbestos-containing building materials in amounts of at least *3 square, 3 linear, or 0.5 cubic feet inside public, commercial, or school buildings*.

